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TRANSMITTAL

Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed a copy of the amendment/response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2004 and a post card.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No: 50-1963. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.